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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe  
Attn: DOD  
Chief, FIM

Operational  
Johann BECHER

REF: MAVU-3801

1. One Johann BECHER is reported in paragraph 9, b of reference as a former member of the SANITZER staff in Vienna. A report from Salzburg, dated 16 September 1951, states that in a German periodical dated September 1951, one Hans BECHER was mentioned as an inmate of the Riechstett internment camp. The periodical referred to Hans BECHER as a former police officer who betrayed a German resistance movement to the Gestapo.

2. The report from Salzburg stated that there appears to be a good chance that the BECHER interned in Riechstett is identical with the BECHER who served on SANITZER's staff during the war. The report further recommended that BECHER be interrogated by a case officer from the German Mission. It is, therefore, requested that appropriate action be taken.

3. Information from a SHARP card, dated 1943, reveals the following concerning Johann BECHER:

Name: Hans BECHER aka Johann BECHER  
Rank: SS Gefur and Kriminaloberassistent  
Born: about 1912 1.75  
Description: 5'9" (1.75 m) tall, fair hair, oval face, athletic figure  
Married and has three children  
In Amt IV, 4 b since 1938, previously in Kripo, Berlin  
As of September 1943, at Stegelsitzstells, Vienna.

No other headquarters traces available on Subject.

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